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SUBJECT: Qatar - Abu Dhabi dispute over Las Hat (Al Ashat) islands near Khor al Udaid

During a conversation on January 25, 1960 Robert Walmsley, the Assistant Head of the Foreign Office Arabian Department, remarked that relations between the states of Qatar and Abu Dhabi are currently "worse than usual." The latest subject of contention between the two is a little island area northeast of Khor al Udaid, which Walmsley indicated on a hydrographic chart, called "Las-Hat." On the U.S. Geological Survey 1959 map of this section of Arabia (Miscellaneous Geologic Investigations Map 1-209B) the area is shown as two tiny islands named Al Ashat.

Walmsley said Halul island, another area disputed between Qatar and Abu Dhabi, was a continuing cause of bad feeling between them. The quarrel took the form that whenever someone from one state landed on Halul the Government of the other, if it learned of the landing, protested. Perhaps this would now be the case also with Las Hat although the area for landings seemed so tiny that perhaps they would seldom occur.

For the Charge d'Affaires a.i.,

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SUBJECT: Foreign Office Official's comments on Trucial States Council and HMG's Court Jurisdiction in Abu Dhabi

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The reporting officer asked Mr. Robert Walmsley, Assistant Head of the Foreign Office Arabian Department, on March 22 about the situation with respect to the Trucial States Council.

Walmsley said the Council has not met for some time, but the reason that the Political Agent for the Trucial States has not convened it is because the Ruler of Abu Dhabi, Shaikh Shakhbut, has been "sulking" in Buraimi for a long time and would probably refuse to attend. The reasons for Shakhbut's behavior are that he wishes the British Government to:

1) Surrender court jurisdiction in his state
2) stand up for his claims against Qatar for a stretch of coast extending up to Umm Said and for certain islands off the coast of the Qatar peninsula. (Embassy's Despatch 2480 of January 26,1960)

Except for the Ruler of Abu Dhabi's attitude there is no reason why the Council should not meet.

Walmsley thought the question of HMG's jurisdiction in Abu Dhabi may become acute. There are numerous factors to be considered. The UK is prepared to relinquish jurisdiction by stages if Abu Dhabi, like Kuwait, makes progress toward modernizing its legal system and takes certain other actions such as constructing a modern prison. Walmsley said that the field (i.e. the Political Agent or the Residency or both) has commented that the only hope of the Ruler's accepting half way relinquishment of jurisdiction by HMG is if HMG will at the same time agree to give up all jurisdiction in future. The situation now is that the Foreign Office is seeking a "form of words" which might satisfy the Ruler but would assure HMG's position on jurisdiction was not abandoned.

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In Walmsley's opinion the problem is not hopeless because the Political Agent is convinced that while Shaikh Shakhbut may be eccentric, difficult, and unpredictable he is "a gentleman", and might well agree to put his legal house in order in return for a quid pro quo.

A further consideration, of course, is that if HMG agrees to relinquish jurisdiction in Abu Dhabi, it must be prepared to do the same eventually in Bahrein and Qatar.

Walmsley said the Arabian Department is fairly clear in its own mind, but the issue is of such importance that it will have to be considered by ministers and possibly even by the Cabinet.

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Fonoff (Beaumont, Head Arabian Dept) informed Embassy April 29 Sheikh of Abu Dhabi now has asked HMG to relinquish legal jurisdiction within his territories. UK has replied to effect it prepared follow same procedures as in Kuwait, i.e. step by step as adequate local legislation introduced. In meantime UK willing relinquish jurisdiction over those categories of persons over which Kuwait has had jurisdiction before recent changes. That is, all Moslems except Turks and Pakistanis. Sheikh asked in addition for inclusion of Indians and Pakistanis among persons to come under his jurisdiction. UK refused and problem still under discussion.

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SUBJECT: Political and Economic Situation in Qatar Not Improved. Com-10 AG-8 IN-7 TR-3

SUMMARY

The political and economic situation in Qatar has not improved since the Consulate General's report in February. In the absence of the Ruler, Shaikh Ahmad and Shaikh Khalifah continued their rivalry for the succession to the Ruler, but sat jointly with the Advisor to carry on necessary Government action; in April, however, Shaikh Ahmad left the Government to Khalifah and went for a 6-week visit to Europe. In addition to other problems the Advisor to the Ruler has resigned and must be replaced when a decision on the composition and functions of the advisorate are reached. A proposal for an Advisory Council made up of members of the Ruling Family has also been discussed.

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During a visit to Qatar on May 1-3, 1960, the reporting officer discussed the general political situation in Qatar with the British Political Agent, Mr. John C. MOBERLY. The information supplied by Mr. Moberly confirmed, with a few modifications, the information previously obtained by a Consulate General officer in a discussion with Mr. Hazim M. El-KHALIDI, Advisor to Management of Shell Company of Qatar, Ltd.

Mr. Moberly stated that there had been little change in the political situation in Qatar and it continued to border on chaos as in the past. The Ruler, Shaikh Ali bin Abdulla AL-THANI, went to Beirut in February for medical treatment (for diabetes) leaving his son Shaikh Ahmad bin Ali AL-THANI in charge. Perhaps to spread the blame for any unpopular actions that might be taken, Shaikh Ahmad agreed to sit jointly with his cousin and arch-rival for succession to the present Ruler, Shaikh Khalifah bin Hamad AL-THANI, and the Advisor, Mr. G. M. HANCOCK, in order to carry out the day-to-day business of government in Qatar. However, Shaikh Ahmad departed Qatar on April 21 for a 6-week trip to Europe; one week to be spent with his father in Beirut and the other five in Europe, primarily on a shopping excursion for his wife. The probable reason

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for his leaving Qatar at this time may have been to avoid unpopularity connected with the imminent discharge of one hundred Qatari employees of the Qatar Petroleum Company and leave the blame on Shaikh Khalifah. (The workers have now been discharged by QPC and openings are being sought for them in the Government service in Doha.)

The Qatari economic situation was not improving, according to Mr. Moberly, and the Ruler was taking more than heretofore for himself. In 1959 QPC agreed to make supplementary payments to Qatar in order to bring its payments up to a current basis instead of being a year behind, as in the past; these payments amount to about 5 million pounds sterling each year for three years. In 1959 the Ruler only took his usual one-quarter and Mr. Hancock was able to put the rest of the payment into shares in London for a reserve. In January, 1960, however, the Ruler announced that he was taking the entire 1960 payment for himself; Mr. El-Khalidi stated that the Ruler also took all of another payment of £ 170,000 from the company in settlement of a 1952 claim and had announced that he would take the 1961 QPC supplemental payment, but Mr. Moberly could not confirm this.

In addition to the problems outlined above, the Advisor to the Ruler of Qatar, Mr. G. M. Hancock (British subject employed by the Ruler) and the Assistant Advisor for Political Affairs, Mr. Ahmad MULLA (Bahraini) had become increasingly frustrated because their advice to the Ruler and Shaikhs was not heeded, especially with respect to fiscal reform and the extravagance of the members of the ruling family. Mr. Hancock submitted his resignation and plans to leave on summer vacation on June 30; he expects to return to Qatar at the end of September, however, to finish up and leave his position in December, 1960. Mr. Mulla also submitted his resignation but has since withdrawn it; his departure would be a great loss and he would be very hard to replace.

The future of the Advisorate is at present very much undecided. The Political Agency would like to see the Advisorate given a more Arab flavor but may have to agree to the recruitment of another Advisor from the United Kingdom to replace Mr. Hancock.

Shaikh Ahmad made the original suggestion of an advisory council composed of selected members of the ruling family. In his conception the council's main purpose would be to investigate the abuses of the ruling family. Shaikh Ahmad wants the council to consider only matters referred to it by the Ruler and to have no power over the purse. The shaikhs have not been enthusiastic about the plan to have a council but, faced with the prospect, have been vying among themselves to secure positions as heads of departments. The

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proposal for an Advisory Council is still very much in the discussion state, according to Mr. Moberly, and it is unlikely that any action will be taken to implement the proposal in the near future.

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SUBJECT: Pressure for Reform in Qatar

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On June 8, 9, and 10, 1960 the Political Resident, Persian Gulf, had a series of conversations at Aley, Lebanon, with the Ruler of Qatar, Shaikh Ali bin Abdulla AL THANI, who was attended by his son, Shaikh Ahmed bin Ali AL THANI, concerning reform of governmental practices in Qatar. As a result of the conversations, agreement was reached on a number of measures to be taken. These have been set down in a letter, which has been approved by the Foreign Office, dated July 6, 1960 and addressed to the Ruler by the Political Resident.

The letter first of all provides for the appointment of an official to replace the Adviser, G. M. HANCOCK, who has resigned in frustration after years of attempting to control the finances of Qatar. A Sudanese has been found who is willing to bear the burden; he will not be called the Adviser, a term that is considered to have invidious implications, but will be known as the Secretary, a term in use in Bahrain.

Among other things, the Ruler has agreed that, for the first time, Qatar should have a published budget and that no money may be spent except in accordance with the budget. Hitherto, the Adviser has attempted to keep expenditures within limits, but has been unable to do so. The Resident is hopeful that the new procedure will constitute an effective restraint on profligate expenditure by the ruling family, which last year managed to get rid of nearly $30,000,000. In addition, the Ruler has agreed to liquidate his own indebtedness to commercial banks in Doha and to encourage his family to do the same. Whether or not his good resolutions will be maintained remains to be seen, but at least a beginning has been made in establishing fiscal responsibility.

In other fields, the Ruler has agreed that the Commandant of Police shall be permitted to act in accordance with the police regulations and that he will not be interfered with in the discharge of his responsibilities. In the past, as the Department will remember, the Ruler or his deputy have frequently intervened to prevent the police from intervening in labor disputes, (ConGen Despatch No. 230, February 6, 1960), with the result that trouble makers have had the field to themselves. The new agreement, if respected, should help to put an end to unreasonable labor disturbances of the sort that have been common in the past year. In addition, the Ruler has agreed to encourage the drafting and the enactment of a labor law in Qatar. As the Department is aware, (ConGen Despatch No. 17 December 19, 1959), the Residency has long and thus far unsuccessfully sought

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the development of a labor law in Qatar similar to the one put into effect in Bahrain three years ago.

Finally, the letter states that when progress has been made in these fields the Resident will be willing to discuss the abolition of extraterritorial rights in Qatar and the succession to the position of Ruler. In re the latter, Resident told Consul General July 6, 1960 he is contemplating plan under which the ambitions of both Shaikh Ahmed and Shaikh Kahlifa, his rival for rulership, might be satisfied. The plan involves creation of an Advisory Council, of which Khalifa would be head, while Ahmed would be deputy to theRuler and would succeed on his death.

The letter indicates that the pressure of the Resident on the Ruler, applied over some months, has had at least some effect. If its terms were to be carried out, the situation in Qatar might be expected gradually to improve. However, reform so wide and so deep may be too much to expect from a Ruler so entrenched in bad habits and so weak in resolution as Shaikh Ali has shown himself to be.

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SUBJECT: Political Situation in Qatar Shows Signs of Improvement.

SUMMARY

Although there has been no decisive change in the situation in Qatar, a number of factors indicate a favorable change in the political climate. The May strike at the Qatar Petroleum Company and a spite attack on the Ruler by a member of the Ruling Family seem to have engendered a greater appreciation of the dangers of the situation in Qatar by the Ruler and his deputies and at least an indication of willingness to do something about it. No Adviser has yet been selected to replace Mr. Hancock, who has retired. The economic situation is dull, but Ruling Family debts and advances have been reduced. According to the Acting Adviser and Police authorities, the public security situation is not considered critical at this time.

During a visit to Qatar on July 9-11, 1960, the reporting officer discussed the political situation in Qatar with the British Political Agent, Mr. J. C. MOBERLY, the Assistant Political Agent, Mr. A. F. WARD, the Acting Adviser to the Ruler, Mr. Ronald COCHRANE, the Acting Commandant of Police, Mr. J. BRIGGS, and others.

Political Developments

As reported in ConGen Despatch 326, the Ruler of Qatar, Shaikh Ali ibn Abdullah AL THANI, left Qatar in February for medical treatment and recuperation following a severe illness (diabetes). The Ruler left his son, Shaikh Ahmad bin Ali AL THANI, in charge in his absence, and on April 21st Shaikh Ahmad left for Beirut and Europe placing his cousin, Shaikh Khalifah bin Hamad AL THANI, in charge. The Political Agent was of the opinion that this was a calculated move on Ahmad's part to reduce the popularity of his rival Khalifah since Ahmad must have known that the Qatar Petroleum Company was about to discharge some employees, and that this would make the person who directed the

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Government at the time rather unpopular. In the event, Shaikh Khalifah had a bad time. The rumored dismissals precipitated a strike at QPC (reported separately), and the situation deteriorated so far that police had to be called out. In addition, a crime wave hit Doha and greatly complicated Khalifah's life.

Shaikh Ahmad returned to Doha in June and Shaikh Khalifah departed on leave to Europe and the United States shortly thereafter (Contel 28). At present there is a lull in political activity in Qatar since most of the Ruling Family are in Europe or the Mediterranean area for the summer.

The British Political Resident, Sir George MIDDLETON, was in Doha at the time of the May strike at QPC and it is likely that his experience in the chaotic situation existing there and the talks he is reported to have had with QPC officials prompted him to make a strong approach to the Ruler in Aley, Lebanon, in early June, as reported in ConGen Despatch 10.

On May 29, 1960, another unfortunate incident arising out of the unsettled situation in Qatar occurred in Aley, Lebanon, this time involving the Ruler himself. The Ruler's cousin, Nasir bin Muhammad AL THANI, was alleged to have fired several shots into the Ruler's car which was parked in front of the Ruler's palace in Aley. The Ruler was not in the car and no one was injured. Nasir was apprehended by the Beirut police but later released to the Qatar Police. After a few days' detention, he was released without charges.

According to the Acting Commandant of Police, Mr. J. Briggs, the shots fired at the Ruler's car were a result of Nasir's spite and disappointment. No one to whom the reporting officer talked considered that Nasir really intended to kill the Ruler. According to Briggs, the "most authoritative rumor" as to the cause of the attack is as follows:

Nasir asked the Ruler for 200,000 rupees; precisely what reason he gave for needing the money is not known, but presumably he felt that he was entitled to it. The Ruler later sent Nasir only 100,000 rupees in a suitcase by a Bahraini messenger. The Ruler's denial of Nasir's full request so angered Nasir that he struck the messenger in the face with the suitcase and later, apparently, took a few shots at the Ruler's car. Nasir denied having done the shooting, but the gun from which the shots were fired was found under his bed.

Since the shooting incident, Shaikh Ali has travelled to Geneva and Vienna and is believed to be back in Beirut at present. According to the Political Agent, he is not expected back in Qatar until September.

The Political Climate

At the present time there seems to be a slight change for the better in the political climate in Qatar. There is a feeling among the British Political

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Agent, Acting Adviser to the Ruler, Acting Commandant of Police and others that the Ruler, Ahmad and Khalifah are now willing to take more effective steps in the future to curb Ruling Family extravagance and prevent striking QPC workers from running wild. The British officials also seem to feel for the first time that there is a chance that Ahmad and Khalifah can work together in the future, even though each would undoubtedly prefer to be Ruler by himself. No one in authority really believes that the Ruler or Ahmad or Khalifah will take stringent action against spending by the Ruling Family, but it is considered possible that they might be willing to let the new Adviser take some action in this direction and put the onus on his shoulders.

One occurrence which drew some comment in Doha was the marked difference between the reception Shaikh Ahmad received in Doha when he returned from his trip and the send-off which was given to Shaikh Khalifah a few days later. Both were well-attended and proper, but Ahmad's reception showed a popular enthusiasm that was missing from Khalifah's sendoff. Upon Khalifah's departure he drew Ahmad aside for a last confidential and apparently friendly chat before leaving. The public picture of cooperation made some at least believe that this cooperation could be a fact in the future.

According to the Political Agent, there is no question but that the Ruler favors the succession of his son Ahmad to Rulership; nevertheless, the Ruler is not believed to be contemplating an early decision on this subject. The general feeling that the situation is more nearly under control than formerly is also based partially on firmer action by Shaikh Ahmad since his return. He has given out strict jail sentences to disturbing elements and he has acted to deport others. The shooting incident involving the Ruler (related above) together with the May QPC strike may thus have salutary results in demostrating the necessity for keeping the law strict and restive elements under control.

The Adviserate

Mr. G. M. HANCOCK, Adviser to the Ruler of Qatar, left Qatar as planned. Mr. Ronald Cochrane, Commandant of Police, has taken the position of Acting Adviser, pending the appointment of a new Adviser. According to the Political Agent, a replacement for Mr. Hancock is now being sought in London; it is likely that the new adviser will be a British subject either found or approved by the Foreign Office, although the Political Agent did not explicitly say so. The statement by the Political Resident reported in ConGen Despatch 10, that the new Adviser will be a Sudanese, is believed to be in error. According to Mr. Cochrane, it is unlikely that Mr. Hancock will return to Qatar.

Public Security

The sizable arms caches which are known to be held in Qatar by many members of the Ruling Family still constitute a potential hazard in the

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event of any political upheaval. However, in the view of the Acting Adviser, a man of long experience in the area who mentioned his talks with Consul Parker T. Hart in earlier years, these arms supplies should not be taken too seriously. In Arab (and especially Qatari) society Mr. Cochrane considers them something like a "Status Symbol", i.e. a Prince's status goes up with the number and variety of weapons in his private armory. Mr. Cochrane felt that the question of the use of these weapons in anger was only an outside possibility. However, even if these weapons should be used, each one requires a good man to use it, and on this score whichever side had the Qatar Police (Security) Force on its side would almost undoubtedly win the day. (ConGen Despatch 228).

In ConGen Despatch 226 it was mentioned that Shaikh Khalifah was attempting to obtain control of the Qatar Police Force. Strong rumors to this effect were circulating in Doha, some going so far as to give the date of June 1, 1960, for the take-over. This kind of rumor seems to have been current in Doha for several years without any foundation as far as can be determined. Shaikh Ahmad must know that his ultimate support rests with the Police Force, and he appears to have better judgment than to dispose of his ultimate support to his principal rival.

The more optimistic view of the security situation in Qatar was expressed along the following lines to the reporting officer by the Acting Commandant of Police: "In spite of expectations that matters have been going from bad to worse over the last several years in Qatar, the fact is that we are still here, that there has been no serious outbreak, and that, in fact, our situation is somewhat improved over last year."

The Economic Situation

At this time of year, economic life in Qatar is at a low ebb. The members of the Ruling Family, who do most of the spending, are out of the country and at this particular time the Qatar Petroleum Company is making every effort to cut its expenses too. In spite of this situation, however, the members of the Ruling Family are not so far in debt as they were a few months ago and advances to them have been restricted to periods of less than four months, according to Bank Managers in Doha.

An efflux of currency is likely, however, in view of the spending abroad of so many members of the Ruling Family; a few months hence may well see greater debts arising from spending abroad.

Four development projects (reported separately) are underway as follows:

a) Combined 30,000 KW natural gas turbine electric generating plant and 500,000 gallon per day distillation plant;

b) Gas pipeline from Dukhan to Doha;

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c) New Airport Runway;

d) Improvements to Doha Harbor.

Advisory Council

According to the Political Agent, Shaikh Ahmad's suggestion of an Advisory Council (ConGen Despatch 326) is still in the discussion stage and no further action has been taken to implement it. Instead, the arrangement mentioned by the Political Resident to the Consul General earlier this month (ConGen Despatch 10) is preferred by both the Political Resident and Political Agent at Doha; this arrangement envisaged the creation of an Advisory Council, of which Khalifah would be head, while Ahmad would be deputy to the Ruler and would succeed on his death. The British plan presumably would give much greater power to the Advisory Council than Ahmad had planned; Ahmad's original plan had been more in the nature of a family council and did not extend to any control over state finances.

COMMENT:

At this time of year, the political and economic situation in Qatar can be expected to remain somewhat dull in view of the general torpor and absence of many influential persons. There is undoubtedly more optimism at the higher levels of British officialdom concerned with Qatar that the situation will improve, and this seems to be justified by the trend of events. Nevertheless, the improvement is almost entirely psychological at the present time, and many difficult problems will have to be resolved before any genuine stability can be said to exist.

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Sami Souki, well-known Lebanese journalist, told RPO 12 trouble brewing in Qatar. Ruler's nephew, who has claim to succession, told Souki recently before returning Qatar, he intended defy Ruler and resign from family council. Thus putting himself in opposition. According source, Ruler has cancelled intended European trip and is en route home to try bring nephew into line.

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During visit CONGEN officers Qatar, October 1-2 acting PA Ward and acting advisor to ruler, Cochrane, reluctant discuss political situation except say it was "business as usual". Following information elicited: 1) Ruler returned Qatar because of dispute between Khalifah's brothers Suhaim and Nasir regarding ownership and site new power plant.

2) Both Ammad and Khalifah still exercising usual governmental functions; no personal animosity, but contest for succession still underway.

3) Many meetings of elders of ruling family noted. Presumably principal discussion concerns succession problem. Acting PA indicated his understanding compromise likely designating Ahmed successor and Khalifah as next in line with prominent role Qatar Government. See CONGEN despatch 20.

4) CONGEN officer call on Ahmad, normally non-productive exercise, could not be arranged according to acting PA due press of other business NEWSWEEK September 26 article could have been reason; acting PA admitted, however, article unfortunately based on fact.

5) Acting

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5) Acting Commandant Qatar police planning leave October 18 for month; no unusual security precautions noted.

Comment: Uneasy calm continues.

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Abdulla Darwish, wealthy ex-Qatari merchant and contractor in close touch with Qatari affairs has informed CONGEN of following developments:

1. Qatari ruling family has been having series meetings to decide upon succession problem since return ruler in September.

2. Early October decision tentatively reached that Shaikh Ali, present ruler would abdicate in favor of his son Ahmad and that Khalifah Bin Hamad would be named Crown Prince. Generally understood that Ali would unofficially retain leading influence in Qatari affairs.

3. Ahmad accepted proposal; Khalifah at first did not.

4. October 17 after severe pressure by ruling family, Khalifah tentatively agreed but asked for week's delay. Khalifah was warned that if he did not accept, Ahmad would be named ruler anyway and Khalifah's name would not be mentioned in formal family decision. In addition, Khalifah was threatened with permanent house arrest until Khalifah made binding understanding not to attempt to disturb regime.

5. During week's delay Khalifah proposed bring his brothers, Beni Hamad to Shaikh Ali to remove any misunderstanding between them.

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6. Abdulla Darwish stated HMG had approved this arrangement and that emissary Abdul Rahman Ibn Darwish saw King Saud on October 19 to inform him of arrangement and to gain his concurrence. Abdullah Darwish indicated King Saud likely approve any arrangement satisfactory to Ali.

7. If all goes well formal meeting of family will be held on October 24 to confirm tentative arrangement outlined above.

Comment: Information supplied by Abdulla Darwish appears reasonable and in line with general understanding CONGEN has of situation in Qatari. Darwish in daily communication with personal radio net and saw Abdul Rahman on October 19 prior to latter's visit to Riyadh. Information believed reliable.

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CONGEN OFFICER HAS JUST RETURNED FROM DOHA; ABDICATION SHAIKH ALI, ACCESSION SHAIKH AHMAD BIN ALI AL THANI AND DESIGNATION SHAIKH KHALIFAH BIN HAMAD AL THANI AS HEIR APPARENT CONFIRMED AS OF OCTOBER 24. OCTOBER 24 AND 25 DECLARED HOLIDAYS IN QATAR.

INDICATIONS ARE KHALIFAH EXTREMELY RELUCTANT ACCEPT FAMILY DECISION. KHALIFAH FACTION FAILED ATTEND ABDICATION AND ACCESSION CERMONIES. ACTING POLITICAL RESIDENT MAN RECEIVED AHMAD AND KHALIFAH SEPARATELY AT POLITICAL AGENCY, DOHA, OCTOBER 24, BUT UNTIL THAT TIME, BRITISH NOT CERTAIN ENTIRE PLAN WOULD NOT FALL APART. AHMAD PAID ONLY BRIEF FORMAL CALL, BUT KHALIFAH STAYED FOR AN HOUR. POLITICAL AGENCY NOT WILLING DISCUSS DETAILS CONVERSATION WITH KHALIFAH.

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SUBJECT: Comments on Qatar situation by Foreign Office Official

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During a conversation with the reporting officer on March 22 Mr. Robert Walmsley, Assistant Head of the Foreign Office Arabian Department, briefly commented on the depressing situation in the Persian Gulf state of Qatar.

Walmsley said that, surprising as it might seem, considering their large revenues and the small size of their country, the Qataris are in bad shape financially. The basic trouble is the irresponsible attitude of the Ruling Family (reference Despatch). They seem to care for no one but themselves. The Ruler himself, Shaikh Ali, is avoiding decisions by spending his time in Lebanon. He has had a doctor certify that he is suffering from diabetes, and he uses these medical grounds as an excuse for absenting himself from Qatar, leaving his son Ahmad in charge.

In general the Ruler just doesn't wish to take decisions. His tactics are to leave difficult questions to one or the other of the two claimants to the throne, and they "take a decision" by grabbing as much money as possible, completely without regard to the views of Mr. Hancock, the British Adviser to the Government of Qatar.

The Political Resident recently wrote a rather strong letter to the Ruler telling him that if he did not put his house in order, it would endanger not only Qatar but the future of the Ruling Family as well. Walmsley remarked that such a message might well have been resented in more advanced states, but in Qatar it apparently did not have any bad effects.

For the Ambassador:

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SUBJECT: Developments of Interest in Qatar, Trucial States; Trucial States Development Budget, 1960/61; Khor al Udaid; Population Estimates.

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SUMMARY

Except for the abdication of Shaikh Ali and the accession of his son Ahmad as Ruler, Qatar continues as usual with a few large public projects underway. In the Trucial States, Dubai continues to grow and develop while Sharjah is declining and Abu Dhabi is a potential growth center. British forces in the area are being increased slightly and British finiancial support to the Trucial States continues. Khor al Udaid remains quiet.

QATAR:

On October 24, 1960, Shaikh Ali bin Abdullah al THANI abdicated as Ruler of Qatar. He was succeeded by his son, Shaikh Ahmad, and the former ruler's nephew, Shaikh Khalifah bin Hamad al THANI was designated Crown Prince. (ConGen Despatch 116, November 1, 1960).

On November 3 to 10 Shaikh Ali visited Saudi Arabia where he called on King Saud at Riyadh and spent a few days in his home in al Hasa Oasis. Shaikh Ali asked the reporting officer to convey his congratulations to the US President-elect, Mr. Kennedy.

Work on two development projects, combined electric generating and distillation plant and gas pipeline from Dukhan to Doha, continues. Proposed projects to provide a new airport runway and improvements to Doha harbor have been dropped at least temporarily. (ConGen Despatch 20, July 20, 1959).

TRUCIAL STATES

The Port of Dubai continues to thrive and grow on the smuggling trade which seems to be reviving vigorously. Gold

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smuggling is a lucrative business with many shipments being flown in for trans-shipment via Dubai. Dubai Creek is being dredged to allow 7-foot draft vessels to cross the bar at all times. A new airport (2,000 yard dirt runway) was opened on October 2, 1960. A new telephone service has been installed and new electrical supply and water supply facilities are being completed. A bridge across Dubai Creek is planned and a new apartment building is under construction. The customs jetty is being extended and procedures streamlined. A Municipal Council was established in 1957 and the Ruler has assisted the Council to begin an ambitious program of Town Planning; a land registration scheme, based on the system used in the Sudan, is in operation.

The town of Sharjah is declining (population decreased 50 per cent in ten years) and local merchants are threatening to move to Dubai unless the Ruler contracts to dredge Dubai Creek very shortly, according to the Manager of the Eastern Bank of Sharjah. Before July, 1960, the Ruler of Dubai allowed imports for Sharjah to enter Dubai with only 2 per cent duty; to this was added 2 per cent Sharjah duty. Some Dubai merchants complained, however, that the merchandise destined for Sharjah was being sold in Dubai to the disadvantage of Dubai merchants. As a result the Ruler now collects the full 4.65 per cent duty on all imports via Dubai and the Sharjah merchants are finding this too expensive. At present Sharjah has no good harbor or water supply. The only asset is the Air Field which is being expanded for RAF use (8,000 ft. macadam runway) but will no longer be used for commercial services since these are expected to change to the new Dubai airport shortly. British Petroleum has recently moved its offices from Dubai, however, to take advantage of the lower duty (2 per cent) payable in Sharjah, an underwater pipeline off loading facility and storage facilities recently established, and the accessibility of both the Sharjah and Dubai airfields by tank truck.

Prosperity has not yet struck Abu Dhabi (town), but the discovery of oil at the Murban field presages accelerated growth in the future (ConGen G-44 to Dept; rptd info London G-7, Jidda G-19, Kuwait G-1; May 14, 1960). The authorities at Dubai hope that the Ruler of Abu Dhabi will concentrate on improving the road to Dubai rather than building a competing port at Abu Dhabi. The British Bank of the Middle East seems to be convinced of the abundant future for Abu Dhabi; it has erected a large structure which should be able to take care of requirements of the area for some years to come. A new 14,000 gallon per day water distillation unit will be installed in the near future.

The Agricultural Experimental Farm at Ras al Khaimah continues to operate under the direction of Mr. Robin HUNTINGTON. However, Mr. and Mrs. Huntington plan to leave in the spring of 1961 and the British are searching for someone else to take the

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position. Mr. Huntington has been concentrating on the problem of getting crops to market in the Persian Gulf area, but the task has been difficult, even within the Trucial States themselves. Largely as a result of Mr. Huntington's efforts, there are now about 1000 irrigation pumps in Ras al Khaimah alone. In 1955 there were only 50 in all the Trucial States.

The British Government allocates a small sum each year for the development of the Trucial States. The Trucial States Development Budget is discussed and approved annually by the Trucial Council (ConGen Despatch 5, July 7, 1960). The budget for 1960/61 is as follows:

		£	
1.	Agriculture	29,731	
2.	Education		
	a. Agricultural school	5,860	
	b. Trade School	24,836	
	c. Adult Education	3,650	
	d. Teachers Training	3,000	
3.	Legal	800	
4.	Local Government	1,600	
5.	Public Health	25,385	
6.	Public Works	5,050	
7.	Sharjah Creek	10,000	
8.	Trucial Council	10,000	
9.	Water Survey and Soil Conservation	12,907	
			£ 132,819.

British forces are being increased slightly in the area. British frigates continue to patrol the lower Persian Gulf, especially on the routes of dhows which may be carrying land mines and other arms destined for the Omani rebels. Usual routes are from Doha, Qatar, or points further up the Gulf to Dubai. Captains report occasional discovery of arms, and almost invariable discovery of large amounts of United States Olive Drab World War II uniforms with the torch insignia and rank ribbons on sleeves.

The RAF is also stationing a squadron of Hawker Hunters at Sharjah Air Field and improving the air strip; additional rental is being paid to the Ruler. It is understood that the RAF strength at Massawa is also being increased.

The British Political Agency, Dubai, continues to manumit slaves, about 40 per year prior to 1960. This year, however, only 17 were manumitted in the first nine months.

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The British Political Officer, Abu Dhabi, confirmed that

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the situation in Khor al Udaid remained quiet. Qatar Police have stated their Police post at the Khor has 15 men. The Political Officer stated numbers on the Abu Dhabi side were between 15 and 40, but would not give details. A QPC official said Abu Dhabi had only 15 men there.

There were no further developments on the question of the status of the Islands of Halul and Las Hat. The Acting Political Agent, Doha, indicated that these problems had been referred to the Foreign Office and that the Legal Adviser had been asked to give his guidance on the case.

POPULATION

According to British Political Authorities in the area, estimated population figures are as follows: Qatar: 40,000; Doha (Capital) 25,000; Trucial States: 80-100,000; Dubai (town): 40,000; Sharjah (town) under 10,000; Abu Dhabi (town): 5,000 (winter) 1,000 (summer).

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SUBJECT: Recent Developments in Qatar.

On January 3, 1961, the reporting officer discussed briefly the political and economic situation in Qatar with officers of the British Political Residency in Bahrain. During these conversations the following points developed:

1) Affairs of state seem to be proceeding regularly and Shaikh Ahmad bin ali al THANI, the Ruler, seems to be able to work with his cousin, Crown Prince Khalifah bin Hamad al THANI who is now Minister of Finance. Some work is being done to improve the government's financial position, as indicated below.

2) Mr. Ronald COCHRANE, who had been Acting Advisor to the Ruler since the departure of the former Adviser, Mr. G. M. HANCOCK, several months ago, has returned to his position as Commandant of Qatar Police with Mr. Jack BRIGGS as Deputy Commandant.

3) No British replacement for Mr. Hancock is envisaged at this time, but Mr. Ahmad MULLA, a Bahraini who has worked with the Advisorate, has been given most of the responsibilities of the former Adviser with the title of Director of Administration and Finance. Mr. BOND, a Britisher, works under Mulla as Director of Personnel. In the near future the Residency expects a request from the Qatar Government for an expert to assist in improving administrative practices.

4) Residency officers were not familiar with the rumor that Ahmad might be planning to stay on as Ruler only a short time until he had built up his personal fortune and then resign in favor of his cousin. The officers did not exclude this possibility but they certainly could not confirm it.

5) Financial reforms are proceeding slowly. The Ruler still receives one-quarter of the country's income with three-quarters alloted to the Government which inoludes "the civil list", that is allowances to the Ruling Family. One economic measure is that the "civil list" will be made to live on their allowances and not receive further monies from other Government funds as has happened in the past. Another proposal is that the present allowance of four thousand rupees per month to each person on the "civil list" for each new child should be reduced.

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6) The Qatar Government Health Budget will also be reduced. In the past, this has been used by members of the Ruling Family to finance "health trips" to Europe for the "ill" Shaikh and his entourage.

7) No notable progress has been made on the issuance of a labor law.

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SUBJECT: Magazine Article Claims Qatar Government to Make No Purchases from Sources Other Than United Kingdom and Arab States and British Advisors Being Replaced with Arabs; Qatar Representatives at Arab League Cultural Congress.

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The January 25, 1961, edition of Akhir Sa'ah, published in Cairo, contains an article on Qatar entitled, "The Heir Apparent of Qatar Replaces the British with Arab Advisers," stating

1) All Qatar government purchases will be made "from the Arab countries, after they all have been made from England,"

2) The British Adviser has been dismissed and his position taken by Ahmad al-MULLA who will have the title of Head of the Finance Department;

3) Arab advisors on economic and financial matters may be brought to Qatar to replace British advisors; and

4) Qatar has sent its first delegation to the Arab League Cultural Congress.

A translation of the article is enclosed.

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COMMENT:

As reported in ConGen Despatches 116 (November 1, 1960) and 176 (January 12, 1961) Mr. G. M. HANCOCK, former Adviser to the Ruler, resigned his position in 1960 and was not replaced; instead, Ahmad Mulla, a Bahraini employee of the Adviserate was elevated to the position of Director of Administration and Finance.

The Article refers to Shaikh KHALIFAH as "Head of Government." To the best of the Consulate General's knowledge, Khalifah is designated as Minister of Finance but probably has passed the title down to Mulla and assumed a higher title, as he has previously done.

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The Consulate General has had no confirmation of Qatar Government purchasing policy as outlined in the article; however, in the past Qatar has traditionally looked to Britain for machinery, equipment and talent not available in the Arab world.

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The article implies that the new Qatar Government of Shaikh Ahmad and Shaikh Khalifah is at least making decisions in an attempt to improve the government organization and finances as well as the international standing of Qatar. The admission of Qatar to the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries in January, 1961, is also a case in point. This new activity is a definite change since the Rulership of Shaikh Ali ibn Abdullah al THANI who abdicated in October, 1960.

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Translation of Article from Akhir Sa'ah (Cairo), January 25, 1961.

The Heir Apparent of Qatar Replaces the British with Arab Advisers.

Amir Khalifah ibn Hamad al-THANI, the Heir Apparent of Qatar and Head of its Government, has issued an order to change the name of the British Adviser's Residence to Government House after dispensing with the British Adviser, Hancock, and appointing Ahmad al-Mulla as head of the Finance Department. And the Heir Apparent has issued an order to establish an office for government purchases headed by Nasir 'UBAIDAN, one of the great patriots, on the understanding that all Qatar purchases be made from the Arab countries, after they all have been made from England.

For the first time, Amir Khalifah sent a delegation made up of Sayyid Mustafa al-DABBAGH, the Director of Education, Kamal NAJI, the Director of (Educational) Missions, and Muhammad 'Abd al-HADI, to participate in representing Qatar at the Arab League Cultural Congress. The heir apparent is studying bringing in Arab Advisers on economic and financial matters in order to strengthen the governmental departments and to replace the British.

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SUBJECT: British Gifts to Rulers of Umm al Quwain and Ajman

There is enclosed a copy of an article in the February 20, 1961, issue of the Gulf Daily Times, a Bahrain publication, concerning the presentation of a British gift of two saluting guns to Trucial States Rulers of Ajman and Umm al Quwain by Sir George MIDDLETON, Political Resident, Persian Gulf. At another ceremony, three Arab members of the Trucial Oman Scouts were given commissions.

There is also enclosed one copy of the Times article with photographs, one showing the Ruler of Ajman, Shaikh Rashid bin Humaid al-NA'IMI, and the Ruler of Umm al Quwain, Shaikh Ahmed bin Rashid al-MU'ALLA.

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Enclosure:

1. Article from Gulf Daily Times dated February 20, 1961.
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The Rulers thanked Sir George for the gift and assured him that the guns will be used only for peaceful purposes, such as saluting ceremonies. They added they will first use the guns announcing the holy month of Ramadan and again on the occasion of Idd.

The presentation ceremony was attended among others by the Trucial States Political Agent Mr. D. F. HAWLEY, and members of the ruling family of the two shaikhdoms.

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Sir George also presented commissions to three members of the Trucial Oman Scouts. They were: Rais Saaid bin MIHSIN, Malazims Faisal bin SULTAN and Mohammed bin SALEH.

The ceremony, which was held at Manama, Ajman, was attended by the Rulers of Ajman, Um-al-Qwain and Ras-al-Khaima.

The Political Resident, was accompanied by Mr. Hawley and Col. S. L. A. CARTER, Commanding Officer of the Trucial Oman Scouts.

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The guests watching the march past.

Left to right: Col. Carter, Mr. Hawley, the Ruler of Um-al-Qwain, Sir George and the Ruler of Ajman, after the guns' presentation ceremony.

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SUBJECT: Visit to Dubai and Abu Dhabi, Trucial States, and Doha, Qatar.

On May 3-9 the Acting Principal Officer visited Dubai, Abu Dhabi and Doha on a routine visit of the Consular District. An itinerary of the trip is enclosed.

The trip was extremely useful in bringing the Consulate General up to date on various developments in the area. I was cordially received by the British Political Agents at the places visited and given a briefing on general developments there. A stopover in Bahrain on the last day of the trip enabled me to obtain information to answer specific inquiries from the Department. In view of the absence of the Consul General from the post the visit was a short one. In Abu Dhabi it was possible for me to call on Shaikh Shakhbut and to discuss the development of Abu Dhabi with the Ruler's new adviser, Mr. Peter Lienhardt. Photographs of Abu Dhabi were submitted to ICD/Graphics.

In Doha, Qatar, I called on the Ruler, Shaikh Ahmad ibn Ali al-Thani, and was invited to dinner along with Sir John Wyatt, Judge of H.M. Chief Court in the Persian Gulf, who was visiting the area.

A number of despatches and reports are being prepared and will be forwarded to the Department with reference to this despatch.

Walter M. McClelland
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May 3:

Departed Dhahran.
Arrived Sharjah, Trucial States. Stayed with British Political Agent, Dubai.

May 4:

Departed Dubai by land rover.
Arrived Abu Dhabi; called on Shaikh Shakhbut.

May 5:

Departed Abu Dhabi; arrived Doha by air.
Visited Political Agency.

May 6:

Called on Shaikh Ahmad.
Dinner with Shaikh Ahmad.

May 8:

Departed Doha; arrived Bahrain
British Political Residency and Agency

May 9:

Returned Dhahran.

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